MSG: WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?

SCRIPTURE: Psalms 34:8-14 NIV BRK 1: LIVE IN LOVE WITH JESUS

Psalms 34:8-14 NIV

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Intro: Boys/ "What's for dessert" Sushi/Cuban Fusion spot -Full course Meal/ Then Final course...Desserts

The Final Course...if you miss it...you miss a complete experience. It's good but when you've had a full course experience with good...The ending is sweet! He's going to make your ending sweet! but like any dessert if you mess up the order of ingredients, you mess up the dessert!

It may have started with you acknowledging some areas that need his help, and areas that don't look like him! But the ending...the results will be sweet!!

Are you ready for the final course..."What's for dessert??" Here we go...

1. TURN FROM EVIL

Psalms 34:14a "Turn from evil..."

James 4:4 NIV

"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

OUR CRIES OUT TO GOD TURNS US OUT OF EVIL!

Psalms 34:15-17 NIV

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles."

PRAYER/FASTING TURNS US AWAY FROM EVIL.

-Our sensitivity is at an all-time high right now.

-There certain things that are no longer beneficial to my palate right now.

1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything."

DON'T JACK UP YOUR PALATE WITH EVIL

2. DO GOOD

Psalms 34:14a "...and do good"

Hebrews 13:16 NASB2020 "And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

BECOME A GOOD STEWARD TO BUILD A GOOD KINGDOM BUSINESS

LIVE ON A GOOD BUDGET TO LIVE OUT A GOOD WORK

BURN UP THE DEBT TO BUILD UP THE HOUSE!

BRING GOOD ORDER TO BAD CHAOS

To your spouse, to neighbors, to your family, to your profession, to your community, to your country, to your problems of the day that will live in...do good!

HOWEVER, YOU DO IT ... DO GOOD!

3. SEEK PEACE

Psalms 34:14b NIVseek peace and pursue it."

<u>Seek peace</u> - Strive after prosperity, strive after the welfare <u>Pursue</u> -to run after, chase, hunt!

-God's goodness taste like strive after prosperity and the welfare for others AND RUNNING AFTER IT!

HUNT DOWN THE WELFARE OF OTHERS!

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE CULTURE IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE CULTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-2 NLT

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE CULTURE IF YOU CONDEMN THE CULTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NLT

"Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others."

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE CULTURE IF YOU HATE THE PEOPLE IN THE CULTURE

Luke 6:27-28 NASB2020

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are abusive to you"

Sacrificial gift to build the house...

Put your money where your mouth is!

Match your money to your mouth!!

Let's give as we believe God to.